

Frederick County Sustainability Commission

Meeting Minutes

2/18/2015

Attendees: Tom Anderson, David Lange, Tim Jones, Chris Voell, Margie Lance, Chris May, Mike Uecker, Kate Ansalvish, Shannon Moore, Joe Richardson

Guests: Patrice Gallagher/Peter Urker

Public: Rich Marento, Karylyn Lubold, Daniel Saltzberg, (OSER), Suzanne Cliber(OSER), Tad Thoeson

Welcome – 3 pm **Introductory Comments:**

- The Chair welcomed all attendees and guests, outlined the intent of the meeting and welcomed Council Member Donald and Patrice Gallagher.
- The Vice Chair noted that the Jan. Meeting Minutes were distributed and approved with only one change (ILR = Institute for Learning in Retirement). The Vice Chair will continue to prepare future Agenda's and Meeting Minutes.
- The Vice Chair reaffirmed a vision for preparing Commission member speaker series and possibly having Commission members making a series of presentations at future FCSC meetings in preparation for presentations at the Institute on Learning in Retirement at Frederick Community College (FCC). All agreed. Ron could do a presentation on solar energy and/or electric cars in April (to follow up on with Ron)
- The Chair then outlined various FCSC past discussions and priorities.
- Shannon Moore then discussed OSER interest on "stream Buffers", an important topic to all.
- The Chair then indicated the FCSC discussion on the "By Laws" was on the back burner
- Margie brought up the topic of having local food and vendor business at the fall FCC/FCSC event
- Shannon indicated that the timing of the FCC/FCSC event is good
- Chris and all agreed that having round-table discussions for the FCC/FCSC event is good

Patrice Gallagher Presentation

- The presentation on the Zero Waste Conf. was well received by all with discussions on;
 - Collecting data on waste
 - Use of volunteers with leadership
 - Incentive programs
 - Having a good public process and community vision
 - Changing ethics
 - Etc.:
- The Chair also indicated that it must be incremental steps that need to be taken

Suzanne Cliber Presentation on the Green Home Challenge Event:

- Reminded all to get certified on line
- Feb. 25 will be the fourth annual event/expect good turnOut
- About 1500 households have some kind of certification now

Update on County Government Initiatives (Shannon Moore):

- There will be an update to the April/May OSER Newsletter
- An update on Grants is expected soon

Subcommittee Reports and Discussions:

- Chris discussed \$ available for storm water fees
- Additional discussions on grants under new charter government

FCSC needs more discussion on waste issues in March/April.

- **There were no spot recognitions this past month. Tom A .reminded all to look for recognitions on sustainability initiatives.**

Commission Comments;**Further update discussion on FCSC Member Presentations Items of Interest (for the future):**

May/June -Chris V. to briefly discuss Waste Management

- March- Phil Harris on FC Landfill???
- Tom A- Stream –side Buffers (March) may engage Tim Goodfellow
- Ron. K- Elec. Vehicles/Solar Power(April)
- Mike &Tim- Std. for residential
- Chris M. – Solar and Energy grid
- Kate- Water Quality
- Council member Donald-some other Council members are interested in stream buffers but we need to set up a process first
- Annie- By Laws still to be determined
- Tim- report on 0 energy homes (North Point)
- David- recommended spot recognition award to Emmetsburg for Energy savings (all agreed)
- Annie recognized Shannon as one of two women who will receive an Excellence Award March 19, 2015 (FC Alliance for Women)
- Chris will miss March/April meeting due to much travel
- Rich Maranto (public) brought up the American Film Festival and encouraged all to see it
- Shannon brought up the Upcoming Solar Array and Food Security
- Margie indicated the following Spot Recognitions for the future, so as not to forget them:
 - North Point, Mercer Agri-Services, Mount St. Mary's

Tad Shueson (English Muffin Factory) wants to work with County on energy incentives and property tax credits.

Adjourn-The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.